

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A canned pet food product having an upper end and a lower end, the product comprising:

an outer, tubular phase which is substantially solid and which extends from the lower end to the upper end and which includes an edible source of carbohydrate and proteins; and

~~an a substantially cylindrical~~ inner phase which extends from the lower end to the upper end ~~of the outer phase~~ and including an edible source of carbohydrate and protein; the inner phase having an appearance different from the outer phase and extending within the outer phase.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A canned pet food product having an upper end and a lower end, the product comprising:

an outer, tubular phase which is substantially solid and which extends from the lower end to the upper end and which includes an edible source of carbohydrate and protein; and

~~an a substantially cylindrical~~ inner phase which extends from the lower end to the upper end ~~of the outer phase~~ and including an edible source of carbohydrate and protein; the inner phase having an appearance different from the outer phase;

the product obtainable by a process comprising:

filling the outer phase into a can;

forming a bore into the outer phase for providing a tubular outer phase;

filling the inner phase into the bore of the tubular outer phase;

sealing the can; and

retorting the sealed can.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 1 in which the outer phase is a thermally gelled mixture.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 1 in which the inner phase comprises chunks of a formulated emulsion product in a gravy.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 1 in which the outer phase comprises about 25% to about 75% by volume of the product and the inner phase comprises about 25% to about 75% by volume of the product.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A canned pet food product having an upper end and a lower end, the product comprising:

an outer, tubular phase which extends from the lower end to the upper end and which includes a substantially solid, thermally gelled mixture of carbohydrate and protein; and

an a substantially cylindrical inner phase which extends from the lower end to the upper end of the outer phase and which is in the form of chunks of a formulated emulsion product in a gravy; the inner phase having an appearance different from the outer phase and extending within the outer phase.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 1 in which the product has a height at least as large as its diameter.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 1 in which the phases each have a moisture content of about 70% to about 85% by weight.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A process for producing a canned pet food product, the process comprising:

filling into a can an outer phase including an edible source of carbohydrate and protein;

forming a bore into the outer phase for providing a tubular outer phase;

filling ~~an~~ a substantially cylindrical inner phase from a lower end to an upper end of the outer phase including an edible source of carbohydrate and protein into the bore of the tubular outer phase, the inner phase having an appearance different from the outer phase;

sealing the can; and

retorting the sealed can.

Claim 10 (original): A process according to claim 9 in which the phases each have a viscosity of about 1500 cp to about 3500 cp when filled into the can.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 2 in which the outer phase is a thermally gelled mixture.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 2 in which the inner phase comprises chunks of a formulated emulsion product in a gravy.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 2 in which the outer phase comprises about 25% to about 75% by volume of the product and the inner phase comprises about 25% to about 75% by volume of the product.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 2 in which the product has a height at least as large as its diameter.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 1 in which the phases each have a moisture content of about 70% to about 85% by weight.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 1 in which the product has a height at least as large as its diameter.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The canned pet food product according to claim 1 in which the phases each have a moisture content of about 70% to about 85% by weight.